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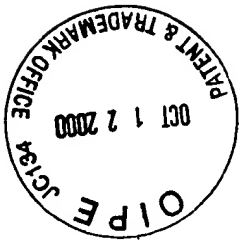
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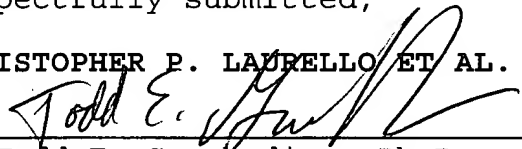
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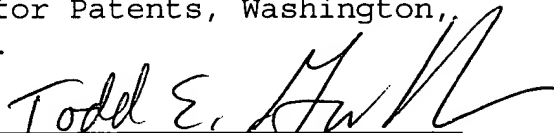
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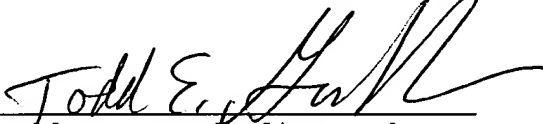
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1. U.S. Patent No. 4,091,173 issued May 23, 1978 to Jacob M. Hage.
2. U.S. Patent No. 5, 759,379 issued June 2, 1998 to Cavallotti et al.

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